

REMARKS

Examiner F. Erdem is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject Patent Application and for finding allowable subject matter in Claims 17, 18, 21-23, 26, and 27. Claims 20, 24, and 28 have been newly canceled. Claims 1-16, 19, and 25 remain canceled.

All Claims are believed to be in condition for Allowance, and that is so requested.

Reconsideration of Claims 20, 24, and 28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 because each recites the limitation "interlevel dielectric layer" that lacks sufficient antecedent basis, said reconsideration based on Canceled Claims 20, 24, and 28, and on the following remarks.

Claims 20, 24, and 28 have been canceled to thereby eliminate the problem an antecedent basis.

Reconsideration of Claims 20, 24, and 28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 because each recites the limitation "interlevel dielectric layer" that lacks sufficient antecedent basis, said

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reconsideration based on Canceled Claims 20, 24, and 28, and on the above remarks.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied upon and have discussed their impact on the present invention above.

Allowance of all Claims is requested.

It is requested that should the Examiner not find that the Claims are now Allowable that the Examiner call the undersigned at 989-894-4392 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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